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Summary Form Under Review

Type of Request: Revised form.

Title: Application for Financing.

Form Number: OPIC 115.

Frequency of Use: Once per investor per project.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institution (except farms); individuals.

Standard Industrial Classification Codes: All.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies or citizens investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 3.5 hours per project.

Number of Responses: 300 per year.

Federal Cost: \$15,750.

Authority for Information Collection: Sections 231, 234(a), 239(d), and 240A of the Foreign Assistance Act. of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The application is the principal document used by OPIC to determine the investor's and the project's eligibility for debt financing, assess the environmental impact and developmental effects of the project, measure the economic effects for the U.S. and the host country economy, and collect information for underwriting analysis.

Dated: March 12, 2003.

Eli Landy,

Senior Counsel and FOIA Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-47596; File No. SR-CSE-2003-03]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Inc., To Extend its Liquidity Provider Fee and Rebate Pilot Program

March 28, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on March 27, 2003, the Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CSE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the

proposed rule change as described in items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has filed this proposal pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁴ thereunder, which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to extend its pilot program for the Liquidity Provider Fee and Rebate ("Program") through September 30, 2003. The Program, as originally proposed in SR-CSE-2002-16,⁵ is set to expire on March 31, 2003. The CSE proposes no substantive changes to the Program, other than extending its operation through September 30, 2003. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the CSE and at the Commission.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The CSE proposes to extend the Program through September 30, 2003. Under the Program, the Exchange amended CSE rule 11.10A(g)(1) by adding subparagraph (B) to charge the liquidity taker, *i.e.*, the party executing against a previously displayed quote/order, \$0.004 per share. The Exchange then passes on to the liquidity provider, *i.e.*, the party providing the displayed quote/order, \$0.003 per share, with the Exchange retaining \$0.001 per share.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5)⁷ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, generally, in that it protects investors and the public interest. The CSE believes that the proposed rule change is also consistent with section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁸ in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among CSE members by crediting members on a pro rata basis.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The CSE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were solicited or received in connection with the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

(i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;

(ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and

(iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁰ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46848 (November 19, 2002), 67 FR 70793 (November 26, 2002).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

investors and the public interest. Acceleration of the operative date will allow the pilot to continue without interruption. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.¹¹

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CSE-2003-03 and should be submitted by April 25, 2003.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This

¹¹ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of the proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

rate will be 4.500 (4½) percent for the April-June quarter of FY 2003.

LeAnn M. Oliver,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Roundtable; Region VI Regulatory Fairness Board

The Small Business Administration Region VI Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a Public Roundtable on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at the State Chamber at 330 NE., 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, to provide small business owners and representatives of trade associations with an opportunity to share information concerning the federal regulatory enforcement and compliance environment.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Darla Booker in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. Darla Booker, U.S. Small Business Administration, Oklahoma District Office, 210 Park Avenue, Suite 1300, Oklahoma City, OK 73102, phone (405) 231-5521 Ext. 243, fax (405) 231-4876, e-mail: Darla.Booker@sba.gov.

For more information, see our Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman>.

Dated: March 31, 2003

Michael L. Barrera,

National Ombudsman.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing; Region VI Regulatory Fairness Board

The Small Business Administration Region VI Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 24, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. at the Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business, Fincher Building Gallery, 6212 Bishop Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75205, to receive comments and testimony from small business owners, small government entities, and small non-profit organizations concerning regulatory enforcement and compliance actions taken by Federal agencies.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Glenda Schufford in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. Glenda Schufford, U.S. Small Business Administration, Dallas/Fort Worth District Office, 4300 Amon Carter Boulevard, Suite 114, Fort Worth, TX 76155, phone (817) 684-5500 Ext. 5526, fax (817) 684-5543, e-mail: Glenda.Schufford@sba.gov.

For more information, see our Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman>.

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Michael L. Barrera,

National Ombudsman.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority 255]

Delegation by the Deputy Secretary of State to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs of All Authorities Normally Vested in the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the United States, including the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, and the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, and pursuant to Delegation of Authority No. 245 (April 23, 2001), I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, all authorities vested in the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, including all authorities vested in the Secretary that have been delegated to that Under Secretary by Delegation of Authority No. 234 (October 1, 1999), or that may be delegated or re-delegated to that Under Secretary.

Any authorities covered by this delegation may also be exercised by the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of State.

Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or procedure as amended from time to time.

This delegation shall enter into effect on March 29, 2003, and shall expire upon the appointment and entry upon duty of a new Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs.

Any re-delegation of authority by the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy